

## Lessons From People Who Followed Jesus

**This week** – continuing our series of lessons which teach us how to savingly follow Jesus Christ.

*Jesus said, “Suffer (allow) little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for such is the Kingdom of God.”* *Luke 18v16.*

### Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Matthew 18v1-14 (Come humbly, as little children)	
Monday	Ephesians 5v1-21 (Be humble followers of God like children)	
Tuesday	Ephesians 6v1-9 (Obedience to the Lord is required)	
Wednesday	Ephesians 6v10-17 (Put on the Lord's armour)	
Thursday	Colossians 3v1-15 (Set your affection on things above)	
Friday	Colossians 3v16-25 (Do everything in love to God)	
Saturday	Ecclesiastes 12v 1-14 (God is calling us today)	

**Important Question for us Today:** Are you waiting before you come to Christ? No doubt you have heard God's gracious Gospel call many times. In Lesson 61 we considered those who responded, 'Yes, I will follow, BUT later, I have more important things to do right now'. Some 'follow', attending church, BUT insist on living a worldly life. These responses are very sad and fraught with the danger of our souls being eternally lost. The Lord says, 'Those who have a serious determination to follow Me will come humbly as a little child, fully trusting Me as their Saviour and Lord, and show respect to God The Father as their loving Heavenly Father'. They will not want to be half-hearted, giving a false testimony, but will have a God given desire to follow Jesus Christ as their pattern for life.

If we have repented, let us imitate the Lord - always acting from holy principles, adhering strictly to truth, for God is the God of truth. Let us imitate our God, for He commands us to do so, our relationship to Him requires it, and be rewarded with peace in our souls. Read **Philippians 4v7,8.**

### Hymn 431 - reminding us that the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Saviour, is the sinner's Friend:

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| <p>1. Jesus, the sinner's Friend!<br/>We hide ourselves in thee:<br/>God looks upon Thy sprinkled blood-<br/>It is our only plea.</p> | <p>4. Thou hast fulfilled the law,<br/>And we are justified:<br/>Ours is the blessing, Thine the curse;<br/>We live, for Thou hast died.</p>      |
| <p>2 He hears Thy precious name,<br/>We claim it as our own:<br/>The Father must accept and bless,<br/>His well-beloved Son.</p>      | <p>5. Jesus, the sinner's Friend!<br/>We cannot speak Thy praise:<br/>No mortal voice can sing the song<br/>That ransomed hearts would raise.</p> |

*EDT Bibel/College Class Take Home Sheet.*

*This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.*

## Children Were Welcomed By The Saviour.

- **The Lord's View Of Children – Different To That Of Most People.**
  - Many look down on children, pushing them away, even despising them.
  - The Disciples turned the children away - 'Jesus has more important things to do.'
  - But The Lord said, '*Allow them to come, forbid them not, they are important.*'

### Six Essential Bible Truths For Us To Carefully Consider:

- **God Created Us - As Human Beings, Spiritual, With Eternal Souls.**
  - As our Creator He commands that we should worship Him, love Him, trust Him, and live lives of obedience to please Him. This is reasonable for all ages.
- **We Must Repent - Because We Have Sinned against Our Holy God.**
  - God has given us a conscience – an awareness of right and wrong - fairness.
  - God 'speaks' to our conscience through our reading His Word, and our hearing faithful Gospel Preaching. '*Hear ye Him*', *Matthew 17v5.*
- **We Must Place Our Trust In The Lord God To Forgive Us.**
  - Only the Lord Jesus Christ (Perfect God and Perfect Man), by dying on the cross in our place, can take away the guilt of our sin. Only God can forgive us.
  - '*But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*'. *Romans 5v8.*
- **We Must Be Converted – The Wonderful Work of God The Holy Spirit.**
  - He humbles us to accept that we are sinners and have broken His Holy Law.
  - When God converts us, He gives us faith to believe what The Bible teaches us about Him, renewing the desire of our heart to love Him and to hate our sin.
- **We Must Return The Lord's Love Through Obedience To Him.**
  - When we realise the great love of God that sent His Son to Calvary - to suffer and die to save us, then we will love Him and serve Him - with willing hearts. '*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life*'. *John 3v16.*
- **We Must Take The Highway To Heaven – The Narrow Road.**
  - Seeing this world as empty and vain we will live our life to please The Lord.
  - We cannot be a true Christian if we continue to mix our lives with enjoyment of the ways of this evil world. **Read Psalm 1. "Blessed is the upright man."**
- **Conclusion – Do Not Wait Any Longer – Come To Jesus Christ Now.**
  - God says, '*Those who diligently seek Me will find Me.*' *Proverbs 8v17.*

Wise Solomon wrote, "*Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.*" *Ecclesiastes 12v1.*